

Pentecost Promise

The Image

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:4)

June—July, 2019

During my internship year we celebrated Pentecost at Hope Lutheran Church by reading the story from Acts in several different languages... at the same time! I was charged to read from the original Greek. I studied up on my pronunciations so that I could do an adequate job for worship. As you can imagine, hearing the story in four different languages at the same time sounds very chaotic. Yet, it reminded us all that the first Pentecost was very chaotic. The disciples were distraught after the death of Jesus. Yes, he had promised to be with them and to send an Advocate, but they still had no idea what that meant. The rush of the Spirit in a great wind and tongues of fire was probably exhilarating, but also terrifying for them as they were hid away in the upper room. The Spirit drove them out to preach to the people. The message of Jesus' presence, peace, and reign could not be shut up in a room or confined to one group of people.



The Spirit is not orderly, it pushes us beyond our comfort zone. It reminds us that we are not in control- but there is a force far more powerful at work in our lives and in our world. For a few moments as we read the Pentecost story in English, Greek, Spanish and French we were reminded of the chaos of Pentecost. Words and phrases here and there would stand out to people listening: “*The rush of a violent wind... every nation under heaven... Amazed and astonished... What does this mean?...*” And in closing we all returned to say the last line together in English saying, “**Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

The Gather Magazine this month helped make sense of the Pentecost message for our everyday lives. They called it the *Pentecost Promise*. The Pentecost Promise is the promise that Jesus will always be with us; he will never leave us. We know this to be true because we have the gift of the Holy Spirit which abides in us and among us. The Holy Spirit shows us the presence of Jesus. The Pentecost Promise can sustain us in difficult times. It can inspire us in dry times. It can shake us up and help us to expand our horizons to see the new and amazing ways God is at work in the world beyond our own walls.

I have a pretty good feeling that when I travel to Malawi with the other travelers this summer we will feel the Spirit shake things up a bit. Shake us out of our comfort zones by expanding our hearts and minds. That is what Pentecost is all about. The Spirit breaking in to share the good news of Jesus Christ. That good news helps us to see the world through the lens of grace. God is out there- at work in the world! The Pentecost Promise invites us to go and be a part of the Spirit's work in the world. We don't have to be afraid because we know Jesus will go with us. In the ups and downs of life, the Spirit's presence is constant. Even in the chaos, the Spirit has a message that shines through. **You are not alone. Jesus is with you. All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Alleluia!**

May you be blessed with the chaotic Spirit and the promise of Pentecost this summer!

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Summer is almost here!

Lots of exciting things are happening in & outside the walls of Immanuel this summer:

- June 8: End of the Year Fun Night hosted by the LoRusso family! All are welcome to their house for a cookout, fun & fellowship starting at 5:30 pm. Bring a dish to pass – they will provide the meat & the grill. Sign up in the Narthex. Contact Alyssa or the church office if you need their address or directions.
- June 10: Adventure Team fundraiser at Pizza Ranch from 4:00—8:00 PM. Come eat & support our team!
- June 21-23: Adventure Team serving brats at Festival Foods on Mall Drive
- July 7 – July 14: Adventure Team in Colorado
- July 21: Hear about our time in Colorado during worship, followed by a special fellowship & conversation with team.
- July 29: Vacation Bible School begins! Join counselors from Luther Park and friends from Immanuel at church for Vacation Bible School! Ages 3 years through those entering 6th grade can participate as campers, anyone older as a volunteer. Watch for opportunities to help—registration forms are now available.
- August 11: 4th annual Coon Fork Family Day after worship. Please join us at the beach!
- August 12, 13, 14 & 15: Summer Stretch (middle school service ministry) meets from 9-3:30, Monday through Thursday. We'll end our week with a fun-filled day at Valley Fair on Friday!



Vacation Bible School 2019 will be here before we know it! Immanuel will again be hosting counselors from Luther Park. The counselors will be the leaders for those entering grades 1 – 6, and volunteers from Immanuel will lead the younger kids.

The theme this year is: **Where All Are Blessed: The Kingdom of God**. This promises to be a fun, faith filled week! Registration forms are available in the Narthex and on the Immanuel website. Volunteer information (housing, providing meals, etc) will be available soon.

Camp Create will be starting its fourth year this Fall.

What is Camp Create? It's a day camp ministry program for 2-year olds. The growth we have seen during our first three years has been amazing. We have grown from a small program of just a few kids, to two classes each meeting two days per week – with 10 kids in each! We do still have openings available for next Fall. If you or anyone you know has a 2-year-old who'd like to join the fun, talk to Alyssa to find out more. Information & registrations are also available on our website.

Luther Park

It's not too late to register for camp at Luther Park this summer! Luther Park Bible Camp, in Chetek, offers Day Camps starting in Kindergarten, and overnight camp options for kids beginning after 1st grade. They have tons of choices – traditional, on-site camp, as well as opportunities for Basketball Camp & camps that are very laid back & more of a “camping” style. Immanuel's Trust Fund also generously supports all of our kids attending camp and offers 50% sponsorships to all who attend. Enter code “ImmanuelEC2019” at checkout.

Summer Stretch

All Middle School students (entering grades 6-8) are encouraged to participate in Summer Stretch! We will spend our mornings doing various local service projects, then each afternoon is spent doing a (top secret) fun activity. High school students can participate as leaders. We will end our week with a fun trip to Valley Fair! Cost to participate is \$100, which includes your shirt, all activities and transportation. Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

****Scholarships are available for all youth activities. Contact Alyssa for information.****

Hello from the Kavanagh's!

Our family joined Immanuel 23 years ago. We are forever grateful for finding Immanuel, as this congregation has been instrumental in their love and support of our family over the years. Many of you may be new to our family, so an introduction is necessary. Kelly and I have three daughters who have grown up in this congregation. Mackenzie is a graphic designer with Volume One and is soon to marry her fiancé, Chris. Erin is a paramedic in La Crosse and is soon to move to Spokane to follow a new dream of becoming an orthotics/prosthetics technician. Meghan is our youngest and the young lady who brings us to write to you today.



Meghan is now 21 and has Bohring Opitz Syndrome, which wasn't diagnosed until she was 18. We watched her graduate from high school this past week, which is amazing given there was a time early on in which we didn't know whether she would make it through childhood. There is no doubt that Meghan fully understood the magnitude of this accomplishment as she beamed throughout the entire ceremony!

Meghan has impacted a lot of people over the years. Her smile, joy, resilience, faith, and love shine forth, in spite of the many obstacles she has lived through. She has taught people many things. As Kelly always says, "When you get it right with Meghan, you get it right with everyone".

This past fall, Meghan had the opportunity to reach yet another milestone: moving out on her "own". She now lives in Lake Hallie in Vedder Adult Family Home with Alicia, Leo, their children and a roommate. They continue to provide her the love and care she deserves in a family setting and to provide her with enriching life experiences, the most recent of which is an accumulating array of farm animals!

Meghan would love to see or hear from you. She loves to get mail! Her van is kept there so people can come and take her places. (Call first to make sure she is home!) Her contact information is:

My address is: 13784 County Highway OO
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
My phone: (Alicia Vedder): 715-559-5838
My email: kavanagh.meggrace@gmail.com (can use to Facetime)

There are many people who have walked this journey with us and for that we are, and continue to be, forever grateful. Kelly and I would like to thank you for your continued love and prayers for us as parents. It is not easy to be a parent, let alone the parent of a child with significant special needs. It is not easy to keep life "normal" as possible, to work outside the home, to help raise confident and caring children, while providing the level of care that Meghan required. It is not easy to focus on our relationship while being totally exhausted from all life throws at you, while reaching the milestone of 35 years of marriage. We feel we were able to do this due to the love and support of our Immanuel Family.



God urges us to walk in relationship with one another. Sometimes, it is during celebrations. Sometimes, it is during grief. Many times, we can't "fix" anything; we can just be there for someone and walk with them on the journey. God asks us to share our stories and journeys with each other. We invite you to introduce yourself to our family and Meghan. Ask questions. Learn more about our story. Share your story with us and others.

God Bless,
Kelly and Deb Kavanagh and Family

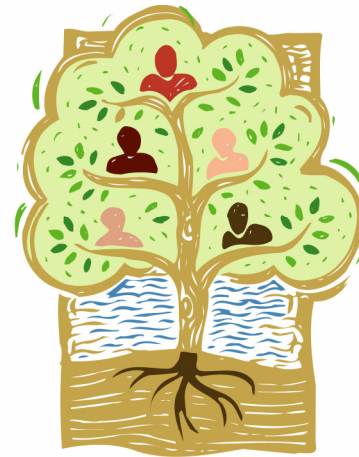
Council Covenant

We the Council of Immanuel Lutheran Church, as a group and individually, agree to uphold and abide by the following tenets of this Behavior Covenant:

1. **PRAY** for each other weekly, and before making important decisions.
2. **SUPPORT** the final decision of the Council, whether it reflects our view or not.
3. **CLAIM** the promise, **God will make it happen.**
4. **ACCEPT** the fact that disagreements do occur and should always take place behind closed doors. **In public we present ourselves as a team.**
5. **COMMUNICATE** appropriately both inside and outside council meetings. In meetings, Council Members will strive to reflect Christ-like respect, encouragement and care in listening to and sharing viewpoints. Outside of our meetings Council Members will be conduits of information, both sharing and gathering from congregations, synod and individuals to further the work of the Church.
6. **WITHOUT INTERRUPTION**, listen to competing ideas with respect, tolerance and honest consideration.
7. **WHEN A CONFLICT DOES ARISE**, show a true willingness to bring about a compromise agreeable to all.
8. **PRIOR TO MEETINGS**, provide as much pertinent information as possible regarding each item to be brought to council for consideration.
9. **FOCUS** on issues not personalities.
10. **TALK TO THE PERSON, NOT ABOUT THE PERSON.**
11. **BE FRIENDS** by uplifting each other with encouragement.
12. **HAVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.**

A Covenant for Immanuel Members and Guests who attend meetings of the Church Council:

1. We will abide by the spirit of the Council's Covenant, as listed above.
2. We recognize that while we have the right to be present, the Council has work to do and thus may not entertain participation from members and guests in attendance. We will therefore sit where we can observe quietly so the Council can discuss and deliberate.
3. If we have matters that we want the Council to consider, we will submit them through the portal the Council provides for receiving such communications, thus allowing the Council to decide if and when to take up such matters. Unless specifically invited for the purpose, we will not come to a Council meeting expecting to be heard.
4. At times, the council may meet in closed session.



Worship Leaders

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Assisting Minister	Marianna Gilbertson	Dee Schlieve	Dee Schlieve	Dave Langhus	Dave Langjus
Lector	Andrea Schaffer	Diane Kaufmann	Steve Mikelson	Vicki Fankhauser	Nathan Schlieve
Ushers	Brian & Mary Bichel	Larry & Barb Lundeen	Marc & Lauren Likkel	Bob & Linda Lodahl	Don & Dee Schlieve
Greeters	David & Andrea Schaffer	Erv & Linda LaFave	Sharon Lehman & John Bowman	The Reuter Family	Becky Ihle, Peggy Blumenberg & Lark Eldredge
Counters	Sue Luthy & Keith Martin	Sue Luthy & Keith Martin	Sue Luthy & Keith Martin	Sue Luthy & Keith Martin	Sue Luthy & Keith Martin

June Birthday's

01 June Anderson
01 Dallas Petersen
01 Jen Degen
03 Doris Fehr
05 Cole Neidermire
07 Carter Chapman
08 Matthew Dragseth
11 Paul Ivey
12 Steve Isaacson
13 Rachel Stilp
15 Andy Engedal
16 Cheryl Anderson
17 Alison Martin
17 Shauna Eilts
17 Rebecca Hedges
17 Haevan Lashley
18 Madeline Franko
20 Luella Calkins
20 Becky Ivey
20 Alyssa Weber
20 Abby Drier
21 Alyssa Engedal
21 Brandt Brieske
21 Mia Harris
22 Jan Carlson
22 Matt Coyle
23 Madeline Benware
26 Sandy LaValley
26 Weston Odell
28 Faith Wickware
29 Nicole Tucker
30 Jordyn Ivey

June Anniversaries

01 Jim & Karen McCrady
05 Neil & Lynda Hanson
07 Curt & Jan Carlson
12 Sheldon & Fern Satter
12 Nathan & Amy Schlieve
13 Trista & Blake Wickware
16 Ryan & Rachael Stilp
17 Erika & Michael Albano
17 Chad & Jamie Brieske
19 Steven & Maria Long
21 Keith & Beth Jones
21 Tim & Tammy Leibham
22 Dave & Melody Dragseth
23 Marc & Lauren Likkel
25 Eric & Karen Betzig-
Lundberg
25 Darin & Kristie Weber
26 Dan & Renee Strehlau
30 Karen & Brandon Gullicksrud

July Birthday's

01 Helen Hagen
01 Samuel Pickett
03 Donna Armstrong
03 Melissa Tarpensing
04 Suzi Sturz
04 Kyle Neidermire
06 Joseph Waits
06 Joshua Waits
07 Jim Ulberg
07 Pat Rozeske
07 Kyelie Engedal
10 Haily Rassbach
11 Beth Jones
13 Karen McCrady
13 Joseph Hedges
14 Kenzie Kavanagh
15 Emilee Larson
16 Tammie Leibham
17 Jerrine Kjentvet
17 Lukas Olson
17 Gunnar Carlson
18 Falynn Hedges
19 Vic Lothe
19 Lalao Rakotomahenina
19 Jayme Malnory
20 Alyssa Hegde
21 Jim McCrady
22 Vonnie Bearson
22 Bonnie Weber
22 Lorrie Feeney
22 Jack Barquist
23 Hannah Zimmerman
25 Steve Thompson
26 Marvin Pospishil
27 Elaine Schultz
28 Jerry Hagen
28 James Olson
29 Alexis Drier
29 George Franko
30 Bob Larson
30 Graeme Fehr
30 Andrew Johnson

Quilting for June and July

Come join the Material Witnesses for an afternoon of quilting and fellowship.

June Dates: 5, 12, 19 and 26

July Dates: 10, 17 and 24

Worship Leader Coordinators

Interested in serving during worship?

Contact the coordinator below.

Assistant Ministers

Andrea Schaffer

715-514-7284

Lectors

Becky Wilcox

715-835-9784

Ushers and Greeters

Barb Hokanson

715-835-1524

Bread & Wine and Altar Care

Melissa Tarpensing

715-858-1190

July Anniversaries

01 Keith & Kris Hanson
11 Tom & Emily Prissel
14 Darryl & Debby Patersen
19 Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl
21 Joel & Pam Woletz
24 Steve & Karen Thompson
25 Brian & Colleen Manning
27 Jerry & Carol Hanson
27 Paul & Becky Ivey
30 Bob & Linda Lodahl

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 AM Worship Welcome Intern Pastor, Hannah Olson Bishop Skow-Anderson preaching Blessing of the Quilts 10:30 AM Fellowship	3	4 6:30 PM Immanuel Yarners	5 Noon—Material Witness Quilting	6	7	8 5:30 PM Family Fun Night @ LoRusso's
9 Pentecost 9:30 AM WoW-Style Worship & RIC Celebration 10:30 AM Fellowship Book Group in the Community Room	10 4:00-8:00 PM fundraiser @ Pizza Ranch	11 6:00 PM SUP (Stand- Up Paddleboard) yoga	12 Noon—Material Witness Quilting	13	14	15 8:30 AM Men's Group
16 Holy Trinity Father's Day 9:30 AM Worship Malawi blessing & sending of travelers 10:30 AM Fellowship 10:45 AM Finance Committee 3:00 PM Inclusive Min- istry (IM) Church @ Lake St Methodist	17 Malawi travelers leave	18 7:00 PM Council Mtg	19 10:00 AM Senior Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting	20	21 Brat Stand @ Mall Drive Festival Foods	22 Brat Stand @ Mall Drive Festival Foods
23 Pentecost 2 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Book Group in the Community Room Brat Stand @ Mall Dr. Festival Foods Serving @ Beacon House	24 Serving @ Beacon House	25 6:00 PM SUP (Stand- Up Paddleboard) yoga Serving @ Beacon House	26 Serving at the Community Table Noon—Material Witness Quilting Serving @ Beacon House	27 Serving @ Beacon House	28 Serving @ Beacon House	29 8:30 AM Men's Group Serving @ Beacon House
30 Pentecost 3 9:30 AM Worship Adventure Team bless- ing & sending 10:30 AM Fellowship						

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Malawi travelers return	2 6:30 PM Immanuel Yarners	3	4 Independence Day - Office closed	5 Office closed	6
7 Pentecost 4 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Youth Adventure team leaves for Colorado	8	9 6:00 PM SUP (Stand-Up Paddleboard) yoga	10 Noon—Material Witness Quilting	11	12	13 8:30 AM Men's Group
14 Pentecost 5 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Book Group in the Community Room Youth Adventure Team returns	15	16 6:00 PM Trust Fund Board mtg 7:00 PM Council Mtg	17 9AM Staff Mtg 10AM Sr Bible Study Noon—Material Witness Quilting 6:15 PM H3 meets in Rec Room on Gatehouse Dr.	18	19 8AM—5PM Daylily Dig @ the Kaufmann's	20 8AM-5PM Daylily Dig @ the Kaufmann's
21 Pentecost 6 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship 3:00 PM Inclusive Ministry (IM) Church @ Lake Street Methodist	22	23 6:00 PM SUP (Stand-Up Paddleboard) yoga	24 Serving at Community Table Noon—Material Witness Quilting	25	26	27 8:30 AM Men's Group
28 Pentecost 7 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship Book Group in the Community Room	29 Vacation Bible School	30 Vacation Bible School	31 Vacation Bible School	1 Vacation Bible School	2 Vacation Bible School	3

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Home of Create-A-World Preschool and Camp Create

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation of all ages and backgrounds gathered to worship God, walk with one another in our faith journeys, and reach out to the community with compassion. We welcome people new to our faith community and invite them to share our ministry.

Our roots run deep in the community, yet we seek to respond to our constantly changing culture. From our worship services to our preschool, we are dedicated to spreading God's word and living lives to reflect God's love for the world.

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